Fast and Efficient

With the **June 30** College Bound deadline fast approaching for this year's 8th grade students, you want to know what works, which strategies will yield the highest number of students.

The "experts" — K-12 staff like you — report that these methods are tried and true and the best ones to use this late in the year.

Know Who is Eligible

- 1. Access the list of eligible students by completing <u>OSPI's Disclosure of Free and Reduced Price</u> <u>Information Agreement form.</u>
- Follow the link <u>www.hecb.wa.gov/sites/default/files/CBSampleLtrNextStepsSr..pdf</u> for instructions to access to HECB's secure portal for a list of students who have already applied. Compare the two lists and target the remaining eligible students.

Sign Up Students

- 1. Gather students in small groups.
 - a. Complete the online application
 <u>fortress.wa.gov/hecb/portal/default.aspx/Common/CBSApplication/default.aspx</u> and print
 the signature page; or
 - b. Pre-populate the Word version of the application with student's name, address, grade, etc. Click here to link to tutorial.
- Next, send the form (signature page or application) home with a letter summarizing the Scholarship.
 Ask parents/guardians to return completed form to the school see
 www.hecb.wa.gov/sites/default/files/CBSampleLtrEligFamilies.pdf
- 3. Finally, call families www.hecb.wa.gov/sites/default/files/PhoneScriptDeadlineReminder.pdf reminding them to return completed forms to the school.

Who Can Help

The College Success Foundation (CSF) has a counselor in each ESD to assist districts and schools with their sign-up efforts. Click here for the name and contact information of your CSF College Bound counselor www.hecb.wa.gov/ProgramAdministration/FinancialAid/CollegeBound/Build/Partners

Complete Application

Remember that a complete application must have the income eligibility section completed and the student and parent/guardian signatures.